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SUBJ: CIVAIR: PAN AM TRIAL BALLOONS

1. ACTING ON HIS OWN, PAN AM'S MANAGER FOR GERMANY,
(RUNNETTE) HAS SOUGHT ASSISTANCE OF FEDERAL AFFAIRS
SENATOR STOBBE FOR PAN AMERICAN. NOTING NEWS-
PAPER REPORTS OF FRG/GDR DISCUSSIONS OF INTERFLUG
OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS OF FRG, RUNNETTE SUGGESTED DEC 10
THAT FRG ARRANGE WITH GDR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS OF
GDR FOR PAN AMERICAN FLIGHTS FROM WEST BERLIN
TO EASTERN EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS, SPECIFICALLY
CONSTANZA AND MOSCOW. RUNNETTE ALSO PROPOSED THAT
FRG PURCHASE F-28 AIRCRAFT FOR LEASE TO PAN
AMERICAN IN ORDER THAT PAN AMERICAN COULD ESTABLISH
SERVICE TO WESTERN EUROPEAN CITIES WHICH DO NOT
OFFER ENOUGH TRAFFIC FOR THE LARGER BOEING 727
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IN PAN AMERICAN'S PRESENT FLEET.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER GEORGE DECEMBER 13,
WITHOUT MENTIONING RUNNETTE STOBBE SAID THAT CONCESSION
BY GDR OF LUFTHANSA OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS TO TEGEL
WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT COMPENSATION FOR SCHEDULED

SCHOENEFELD-ZURICH SERVICE AND THAT ADDITIONAL CONCESSION SUCH AS OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS FOR PAN AM AND BA CHARTERS TO EASTERN EUROPE WOULD ALSO BE NECESSARY.

3. PAN AM HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL REQUESTS FROM PRESS FOR CONFIRMATION OF RUMOR THAT IT IS PLANNING TO PURCHASE F-28 AIRCRAFT. PAN AM'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, UNAWARE OF RUNNETTE'S DISCUSSIONS WITH STOBBE, DENIED STORY. WORRIED THAT REST OF STORY MAY APPEAR IN PRESS, PAN AM INFORMED MISSION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH STOBBE DECEMBER 17. WE TOLD PAN AM WE THOUGHT EACH IDEA HAD MERIT FOR BERLIN BUT THAT WE DOUBT THAT THEY COULD BE REALIZED. WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT USG WELL SITUATED TO LOOK OUT FOR PAN AM'S BERLIN INTERESTS VIS-A-VIS OTHER GOVERNMENTS, AND SUGGESTED THAT IF RUNNETTE WISHED TO PURSUE SUCH IDEAS, CIVIL AIR ATTACHE IS PROPER PERSON TO SEE THAT MATTER IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE SEVERAL EASTERN AND WESTERN GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WITH BERLIN AVAITION.DAVIS

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